

Please reply to Genetics Building

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Dear Mort:

Thanks ever so much for the mss. I was so impressed that I am going to ask you another favor. We are going to Australia August 1 for about 3 mos. ~~on~~ on a Fulbright, and I am anxious to include an experiment on transformation in the lab. Your system sounds very much more convenient than the pneumococcus & Hemophilus, and I wonder if you could not oblige me by sending the S<sup>S</sup> and S<sup>F</sup> strains of Xanthomonas phaseoli. In view of the shortage of time, it would be a special courtesy if you could also let me have say .1-1 mg. of the S<sup>F</sup> DNA, so I can make a quick run-through. Your paper ought to be out any day now, and surely before the course.

Although I am quite well occupied with other matters, I wouldn't want to deceive you by excluding a possible research interest in the system too, for after our return. But I mainly want to see how it handles & will keep in touch with you about any particular thing we might do with it.

With best regards,

Yours,

Joshua Lederberg

P.S. The mills of the Gods and others at the U/E grind exceedingly slow but fine.

P.P.S. We are going to be at Berkeley a couple of days (August 4-6); any chance of this coinciding with any of your plans?